

In the claims

1. (Currently Amended) A device that plays alerts and is used with a wireless communication device, the device comprising:

a substantially rectangular planar shell having electrical terminals on one side that are electrically connectable to electrical terminals on a wireless communication device;

an alert generating device, located inside the shell and electrically connected to the electrical connectors of the planar shell, comprising memory for storing an alert file, wherein the alert generating device is triggered to play an alert associated with the file upon detection of an incoming communication by the wireless communication device and to play the alert associated with the file upon detection of an event at the wireless communication device other than an incoming communication; and

a selector device on the rectangular planar shell for scrolling through a plurality of sound files and designating a sound file to use as the alert file.

2. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the alert generating device is a sound generating device, wherein the alert file is a sound file, wherein the alert is an audio alert, and wherein the sound generating device stores a plurality of sound files, and wherein each sound file can be designated as an audio alert signal for the telephone.

3. (Original) The device of claim 2, further comprising:

an external connector socket on the shell in electrical communication with the sound generating device to provide external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A device for a wireless communication device that plays alerts, the device comprising:

a shell attachable between a wireless communication device body and a wireless communication device battery;

an alert generating device inside the shell and comprising memory for storing a plurality of alert files, wherein the alert generating device is triggered by an electrical signal from the wireless communication device body to play an alert associated with an alert file upon detection of an incoming communication by the wireless communication device and to play the alert associated with the alert file upon detection of an event at the wireless communication device other than an incoming communication;

an external connector socket on the shell in electrical communication with the alert generating device to provide external access to the plurality of alert files in the alert generating device; and

a selector device on the shell for designating a file to use as an audio alert signal.

6. (Currently Amended) A device for a wireless communication device that plays alerts, the device comprising:

a shell attachable between a wireless communication device body and a wireless communication device battery;

an alert generating device inside the shell and comprising memory for storing a plurality of alert files, wherein the alert generating device is triggered by an electrical signal from the wireless communication device body to play an alert associated with an alert file upon detection of an incoming communication by the wireless communication device and to play the alert associated with the alert file upon detection of an event at the wireless communication device other than an incoming communication;

accessing means on the shell in electrical communication with the alert generating device for providing external access to the plurality of alert files in the alert generating device; and

selecting means on the shell for designating an alert file to use as an alert signal.

7. (Currently Amended) A wireless communication device system having changeable alert signals, the system comprising:

a wireless communication device body;

a wireless communication device battery for powering the wireless communication device body;

an alert signal device, connectable with the wireless communication device body and the wireless communication device battery, including an alert generating device comprising memory for storing an alert file, wherein the alert generating device is triggered to play an alert associated with the alert file upon detection of an incoming communication by the wireless communication device and is triggered to play the alert upon detection of an event at the wireless communication device other than an incoming communication; and

a selector device on the alert signal device for scrolling through a plurality of sound files and designating a sound file to use as an audio alert signal.

8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the alert generating device is a sound generating device, wherein the alert file is a sound file, wherein the alert is a sound, and wherein the sound generating device stores the plurality of sound files that are capable of being edited.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising:

an external connector socket on the audio signal device in electrical communication with the sound generating device to provide external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device.

10. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising:

a computer system having an electrical plug electrically connected to the sound generating device through the connector socket, for editing the plurality of sound files by adding or deleting from the sound generating device.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the alert generating device is a sound generating device, wherein the alert file is a sound file, wherein the alert is a sound, and wherein the sound generating device stores a plurality of sound files and is

triggered to play a sound associated with a designated sound file upon detection of a telephone call by the cellular telephone.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising:

an external connector socket on the audio signal device in electrical communication with the sound generating device to provide external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device.

14. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising:

a computer system having an electrical plug electrically connected to the sound generating device through the connector socket, for editing the plurality of sound files by adding or deleting from the sound generating device.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, further comprising:

an external connector socket on the audio signal device in electrical communication with the sound generating device to provide external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device;

a computer system having an electrical plug electrically connected to the sound generating device through the connector socket, for editing the plurality of sound files by adding or deleting from the sound generating device; ~~and~~.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, further comprising:

accessing means on the audio signal device and in electrical communication with the sound generating device for provide external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device;

programming means, electrically connected to the sound generating device through the accessing means, for editing the plurality of sound files by adding or deleting from the sound generating device; and

selecting means on the audio signal device for designating a sound file to use as an audio alert signal.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of programming designated alert signals on a wireless communication[[s]] device, the method comprising:

providing an alert signal device for use with a wireless communication[[s]] device, the alert signal device including a programmable alert generating device ~~and~~, an external socket located on an outside surface and a selector device on the alert signal device located on the outside surface for scrolling through a plurality of alert files and designating at least a sound file to use as an alert signal;

connecting a computer system containing software that can access the alert generating device to the external socket of the alert signal device;

accessing the alert generating device;

adding or deleting an alert file via the computer onto or from the alert generating device, respectively; and

playing the sound file upon detection of an incoming call at the wireless communication device and playing the sound file upon detection of an event at the wireless communication device other than an incoming communication.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the computer system is a personal data assistant.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of selecting a designated alert signal for a wireless communication device, the method comprising:

providing an alert signal device for use with a wireless communication device, the alert signal device including a programmable alert generating device and a selector located on an outside surface of the alert signal device, wherein the alert generating device includes a plurality of alert files;

scrolling through the plurality of alert files with the selector to experience the plurality of alert files;

experiencing exemplary alerts; ~~and~~

selecting a selected alert from the plurality of alert files when a designated alert file is reached; and

playing the sound file upon detection of an incoming call at the wireless communication device and playing the sound file upon detection of an event at the wireless communication device other than an incoming communication.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions that when executed by a processor of a wireless device perform acts, wherein a cellular telephone includes a cellular telephone body that generates an electrical signal in response to an incoming telephone call and in response to an event at the wireless device other than an incoming telephone call, a cellular telephone battery for powering the cellular telephone body, an audio signal device connectable with the cellular telephone body and the cellular telephone battery, including a sound generating device, memory, and a selector on the audio signal device, the acts comprising:

storing a plurality of sound files in memory;

receiving input from the selector device;

designating a file of the plurality to use as an alert signal by manipulating the selector on the audio signal device; and

alerting a user with the alert signal of the designated file in response to the electrical signal generated by the body.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 5, wherein the wireless device is a cellular telephone, the alert signal is a sound, and the incoming communication is a telephone call.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the wireless device is a cellular telephone, the alert signal is a sound, and the incoming communication is a telephone call.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the wireless device is a cellular telephone, the alert signal is a sound, and the incoming communication is a telephone call.

25. (Currently Amended) A device that plays alerts and is used with a wireless communication device, the device comprising:

a planar shell having electrical terminals on one side that are electrically connectable to electrical terminals on a wireless communication device;

an alert generating device, located inside the shell and electrically connected to the electrical connectors of the planar shell, comprising memory for storing an alert file, wherein the alert generating device is triggered to play an alert associated with the alert file upon detection of an incoming communication by the wireless communication device and to play the alert upon detection of an event at the wireless communication device other than an incoming communication, and wherein the alert generating device further comprises a memory receiving slot for adding new alert signals from a second memory positioned within the memory receiving slot; and

a selector device on the outside surface of the shell for scrolling through the plurality of sound files and designating a sound file to use as an audio alert signal.

26. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 25, wherein the wireless device is a cellular telephone, the alert signal is a sound, and the incoming communication is a telephone call.

27. (Currently Amended) A method of providing an alert with a wireless communication device that includes a body, a battery, and a planar shell that includes a selector device on the outside surface of the shell for scrolling through a plurality of alert files and designating an alert file to use as an alert signal and an alert generating device with a first memory and a memory receiving slot that receives a second memory, comprising:

storing a plurality of alert files in the first memory;

receiving the second memory into the memory receiving slot, the second memory storing a plurality of alert files different than those of the first memory;

receiving input from the selector device;

designating a file of the plurality of alert files of the first and second memory to use as an alert signal; and

alerting a user with the alert signal of the designated file in response to an incoming communication and alerting the user with the alert signal of the designated file in response to an event at the wireless communication device other than an incoming communication.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the wireless device is a cellular telephone, the alert signal is a sound, and the incoming communication is a telephone call.